कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्याम लाल यादव): (क) और (ख) केन्द्र सरकार ने आन्ध्र प्रदेश, अरूणाचल प्रदेश, असम, मणिपुर, मेघालय, मिजोरम, नागालैंड, उड़ीसा और त्रिपुरा राज्यों में राज्य योजना का 100 प्रतिशत केन्द्रीय सहायता से 1987-88 से झूम खेती के नियंत्रण की एक स्कीम शुरू की है। यह स्कीम मध्य प्रदेश में लागू नहीं की गई है। तथापि, राज्य में कुछ अन्य स्कीम चल रही हैं जो भूमि विकास के लिए सहायता मुहैया करती हैं।

Job opportunities for unemployed persons

1819. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide more job opportunities for unemployed persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated number of educated unemployed youth at present in the country, State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) The Union Budget proposals for the year 1989-90, provide *inter alia,* for a new intensive Rural Employment Programme which will proivide additional funds to selected 120 districts which are backward and suffer from acute unemployment. This new programme will allow fuller employment opportunities to atleast one member of each family living below the poverty line. The funds of this scheme will be in addition to the provision available to the districts under the National Rural Employment Programme/Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme. The Budget provides for this new programme a sum of Rs. 500 crores in 1989-90.

(c) According to the 7th Plan document, the estimate of unemployment among the educated manpower, *i.e.* matriculates and graduates and above, was 3.7 millions as af the beginning of 1985. Break-up of tbis figure by States and age groups is not available.

Manufacturing of soft drinks in India by foreign companies

1820. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATUR VEDI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications filed by foreign companies to manufacture soft drinks in India;

(b) by when Government propose to take a decision in the matter; and

(c) whether Government propose to permit any company, if so, the terms and conditions for issue of such a licence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Two applications have been filed by foreign companies for the manufacture of soft drinks in India during 1988-89.

(b) and (c) An appropriate decision will be duly taken on the applications in accordance with the prescribed procedures and taking into account the merits of each application.

Installation of statue of Mahatma Gandhi

1821. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATUR VEDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of installation of a statue of Mahatma